Dear Ed, 4/16/70

Your mailings are invaluable. Today I got the "Calumet" clipping of the9th (meaning there was no story on the 8th, unlikely with a 7th banner, you didn't send it, or it didn't get here). It settles many things in my mind.

During the tax season is the only time of the year we have any income, and it is slight. My wife works for Rock. She handles a small office. Thus, because she agreed to keep it open a few days after tax deadline, I again took her int town this a.m. and picked up my mail at the P.O., giving me several extra hours to do something about it. I read this clip as soon as I got it and have been able to give this a bit more though driving home.

As soon as I finish this I'll be going outside to do some work. In the sense I use the word it is really work required by the place but it is also medical, for my aging body requires it and during the worse weather, especially after a blackout spell, it deteriorated more.

By the time I'd read the "Calumet" story of the 7th yesterday I'd begun to formulate a plan. I discussed it with my DC lawyer, with whom I may get a chance to pursue it further this coming weekend. But there are some preliminary steps I'll take immediately. You'll get a partial understanding from axaletter I'll write and enclose.

Coinciding with this rotten thing Skolnick has done are certain government moves, like getting a delay in responding to my suit, wheich they neither need nor are entitled to under the law. I suspect they may push to respond to Skolnick's, therefore I must act fast. If you understand that the government (Kleindienst) claims they do not have what I ask for and they have been on notice I was filing a suit close to a year and it has been about six weeks since I filed it, you can understand there is no legitimate purpose served by delay the this Skolnicki may be in a special perspective.

There is little doubt, as I feared and warned the friend who had helped me on the Chicago angle, Skolnick has blown any reasonable chance of carrying anything on Groth further and, by making such fraudulent charges against him, has tended to serve Groth's defense in the Black Ganther matter.

So, it makes no difference to me whether or not Skolnick is an agent, for with or withour connection, he could not be a better one.

Meanwhile, because I have decided to file an action against him and will attempt to do it myself if need by, my need for either an attorney who will do this for me or someone out there who can file it in person but for me, with no necessary association with me, should it not be possible to do this by mail, becomes more urgent.

Also, my Stenorette is the belt type, so there will be a little more delay in transcription from the reel, which has too large a hole to fit a standard tape-recorder spindle.

Again, many, many thanks.

Sincerely,